

Statement of Valarie K. Germano

On March 29, 2007, Valerie K. Germano, who is currently temporarily assigned (TA) as Supervisor of Microfilming and Imaging, Bureau of Conveyances (BOC), Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) was contacted by Hilton J. Lui. Upon contact Ihara was informed by Lui that he has been retained as an Investigator for the Hawaii State Ethics Commission. Germano advised she has been employed at the BOC as an emergency hire since March of 2006. She however, was employed previously from 1991 to 1993, and prior to March 2006 she was employed for about six month temporary assignment in Land Court Review in 2005 to 2006. The best way to get hold of her is to call 587-0156.

As Supervisor she receives documents that are recorded each day to scan on the same day. Germano advised that yesterday about 4:00 PM she received a call from Iris and Iris had a concern as Iris was going on vacation. Germano added they normally call Iris or Nani of the Lange Group when they have problems with their program or software and receive help from them. When Iris called Iris said either Alfred had call her or Alfred called TG and TG called her but there was a document that was rescanned that they didn't the image for. Iris instructions to Germano was to whatever documents they rescan, rescan them today but do not package till the following day. When Germano asked why couldn't they package Iris added at night TG accesses certain files to download the images that they scan and when Germano processes the way she has done all this time where she rescan and package soon after, it stops the rescan documents from going to the file, it puts it to a different file that TG can not access and therefore they don't get the rescan images. Germano added she was a little confused because the way that she sees it, when

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they rescan the document, once they tell the computer that this document is going to be rescan it wipes out the old image and when you punch up the document numbers it brings up the most current image. Germano's concern was if they can not package till the next day her operation was going to held back and her work is going to be backlogged. Iris also asked if Lillian Hajima or Nan Suzuki that told Germano that not to package the same day but wait to the next day.

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